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INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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PROJECTS IN MARATHWADA REGION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a number of ongoing projects in Marathwada region in Maharashtra arelanguishing far behind the schedule and the region continues to remain neglected in terms of electronic media infrastructure as before;

(b) if so, the details regarding review of implementation of the projects in the region, project-wise, with the reasons for delay; and

(c) the details of action plan finalised to expand/strengthen electronic media network in the region during 2000-2001 alongwith the number of proposals received in this regard and action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT

(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The region is fully covered by Radio Service. For television coverage 14Transmitters (2 HPTs, 10 LPTs, one VLPT and one Transposer) are functioning in the region providing T. V. coverage to about 96.5% of the population which is better than national average of 87.9%. New Radio Stations / TV transmitters are planned keeping inview the existing coverage in the area, availability of financial resources, infrastructural facilities and inter-se priorities. However, the requests received from People`s representative and other bodies working in the area are given due consideration while finalising the expansion/plan. At present, there is no proposal to set up any new Radio Station or TV transmitter in the region.